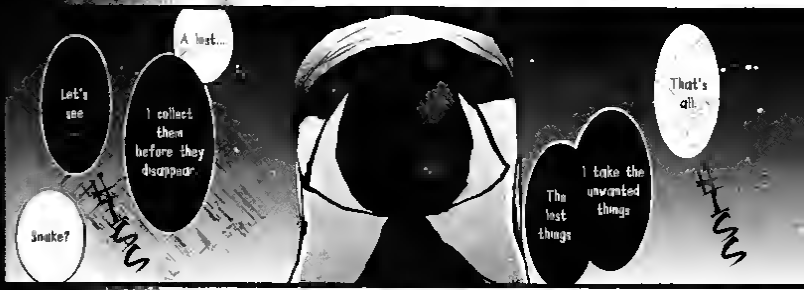
CHAPTER 47:
THE MUGWORT WHICH GROWS AMONG THE HEMP, PART 1

PLEASE
WHAT THE FUCK IS HAPPENING !!?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND !!!
STOP!
*sfx snake snake
WHY AM I ALWAYS THE ONLY ONE WHO DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING !?
TELL ME WHAT THE FUCK IS GOING ON!!
WHAT IS THIS !!?
WAH!
SHOVE
T
TSUIYUKUSA
.....
TSUIYUKUSA
WHY IS BYAKUROKU HERE!!? WHAT DID GINSHU DO!?

IS THAT AN ENEMY?
WELL, MR UN-WRITTEN PAGE?
DON'T YOU THINK WE HAVE SLIGHTLY MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO DEAL WITH THAN YOUR LITTLE SQUABBLES RIGHT NOW?
HEY, COOL IT, YOU TWO.
DON'T MAKE A SCENE
hissss
THE YAKOU CERTAINLY ISN'T A FRIEND.
WELL...
KNOCK
THEN HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT FIGHTING THAT INSTEAD?
hissss
OHO HOHO~
I CERTAINLY DON'T BLAME YOU FOR NOT WANTING TO OPPOSE HIM!

HE'S SPEAKING...



IN MORE THAN ONE VOICE...?

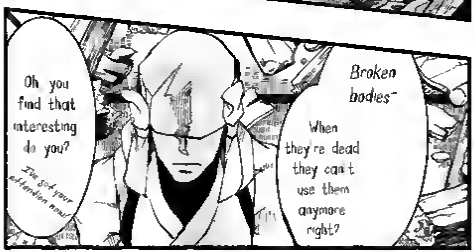
burst
pop
ooh
crack
hiss
snap
Perhaps
Let's see...
CRACK
CRACK
This body will do
snap
Hm?
pop
Maybe you'll recognize me now?
!!!
!!!

SUZUME
……!!
Well?
I picked up this body a long time ago
I found him in the belly of a swamp demon
For a human he's almost as interesting as a demon

Is that I...
I can make this thing move

Oh, this?
I can change my shape like a fox!
But this really is his body!
Even if the original owner is already dead-

You could say
That I've been collecting bodies


Broken bodies-
When they're dead they can't use them anymore right?
Oh you find that interesting do you?
I'll get your affection now!

If I use this Suzume, will you talk to me?
Convenient, isn't it? And what's even better ...
...!
BYOR

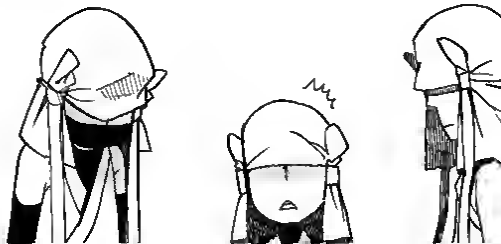
IS TRUE...
BUT IF WHAT HE SAYS...
THIS IS INSANE...
SUZUME...
I SPOKE OF HIM IN MY STORY EARLIER...
YOU DID?
I GUESS YOU MIGHT HAVE MENTIONED HIM...?
REALLY BE...?
COULD IT...
...OH MY...

HE DIED.
HUH ...?
THAT FACE IS DEFINITELY THAT OF OUR COMRADE
I MIGHT AS WELL TELL YOU
HE GOT CORRUPTED BY HIS DEMON MASK A LONG TIME AGO. HE WENT OUT ON A MISSION AND NEVER CAME BACK.
That's right that's right
jin gle
But ...
That's not all
Maybe you'll recognize this face, too?

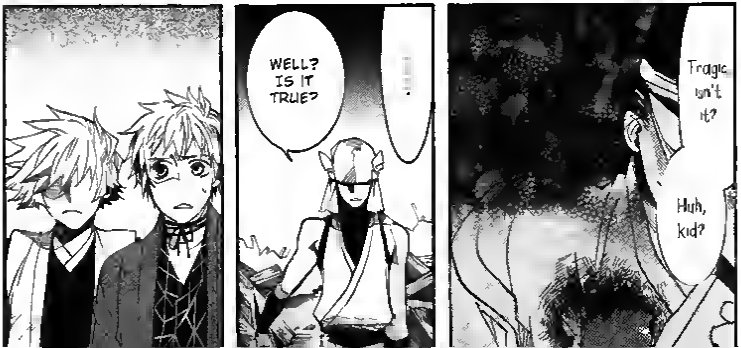
I've collected many more than these
Which would you like to see?
I WASN'T EXPECTING THAT
OH
SM
ASH
I DON'T LIKE THE WAY YOU TALK. THIS WHOLE SPECTACLE HAS BEEN FABULOUSLY STUPID.
YOU KNOW
DO YOU WANT?
JUST WHAT THE HELL
AND NOW YOU'RE MESSING AROUND WITH MY TEACHER

BECAUSE YOU PICKED THE WRONG BODY TO FUCK AROUND WITH.
Why are you angry at me, Kurotobi?
The one you should be pointing your blades at is right here
The one who killed me is that demon right there
Shouldn't you attack him instead?
WHAT!?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN...!?
WHAT!?
TSUYU
HEH THAT'S THE FIRST I'VE HEARD OF THIS WHATEVER
GET THE HELL OUT OF HATOBA-SAN'S BODY RIGHT NOW.

*Note : *'The Mugwort Which Grows Among The Hemp'* is a Japanese proverb. Hemp grows with straight stems, while mugwort is crooked. However, mugwort growing in a hemp field will cling to the hemp and also grow straight. So, this is used as a euphemism for a person with a weak character who is improved by association with good people.



WE MESSED UP, AND THE MISSION FELL APART.
swing
WE GOT CAUGHT OFF GUARD. AND HE DISAPPEARED RIGHT BEFORE OUR EYES
WELL. I'M NOT REALLY SURPRISED TO SEE HATORA-SAN HERE LIKE THIS
click
THAT LAST EXORCISM JOB WAS A BIG ONE WASN'T IT?
SO YOU REALLY WERE DEAD ALL THIS TIME
Hahaha and after that you paid your respects to the guy who taught you everything you know
HAHAHA
castle
And then
And then
That's t

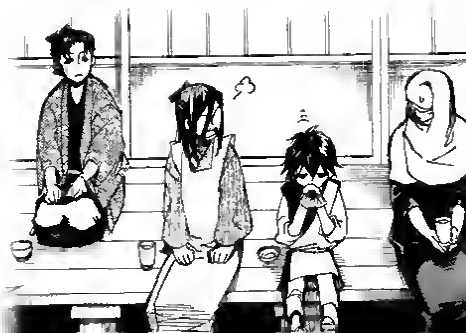

WELL? IS IT TRUE?
Tragic, isn't it?
Huh, kid?

HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO REMEMBER THE FACES OF ALL THE HUMANS I'VE KILLED?
I SEE.
WHAT!?
HEY!
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS.
I WONDER HOW MANY OTHER LIVES YOU'VE TAKEN.
HUH!?
dash
blow
Stop!
Hey, time out!!
Wait ...
Don't ...

SFX ROAAAAR
*sfx bite
fade...

SOUNDS LIKE IT
THE YAKOU DISAPPEARED... I GUESS HE REALLY CAN'T BE CAUGHT
DAMN IT!
whoosh
WHAT?
DAMN IT, GET A GRIP!
tchi
I'LL GET HIM SOME OTHER TIME.
HUFF
DON'T GET ME WRO-NG
SO HELP US FIGHT IT!
shock
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING!!? THAT SNAKE IS ONE OF YOUR KIND!!!
HAVE SOME BALLS !!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME THAT !!
GRR
*sfx: whoosh
I'd better ...
Add him to my collection now, then?
Oooh, now things are starting to get interesting. I might be in trouble.



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NO WAY...
WHAT THE HELL...!?

CRUMBLE
BYAKU-ROKU !?

*SFX CRASH
WAH!
*SFX CRASH CRASH CRASH
WAAAAH!
GAH!
!
FWOOM
GASP
TSUYU KUSA-SAN!!
WHERE'S EVERYONE ELSE!?
RIGHT HERE
CRUMBLE
CRUMBLE
SHOCK

TCH.
WHAT IS THAT HUGE THING ...?
A FRIEND OF YOURS ?

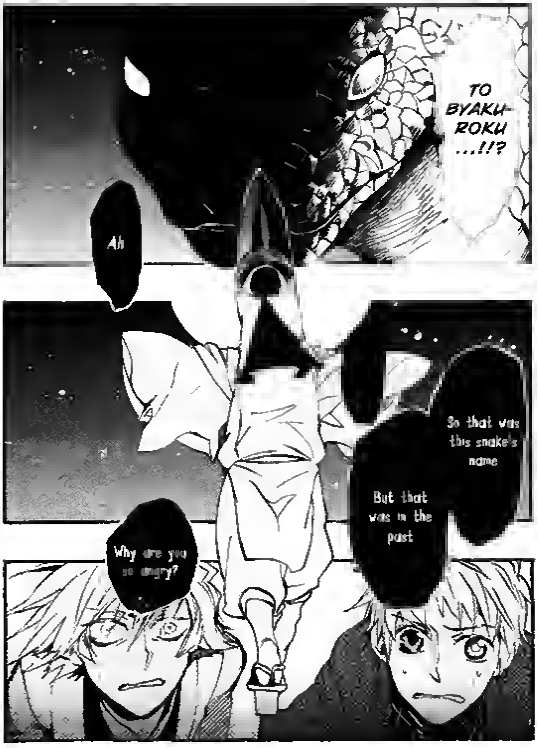
CLATTER
KURO TORI -SAN
IS THAT YOUR MOUSE FROM BEFORE ?
CLATTER

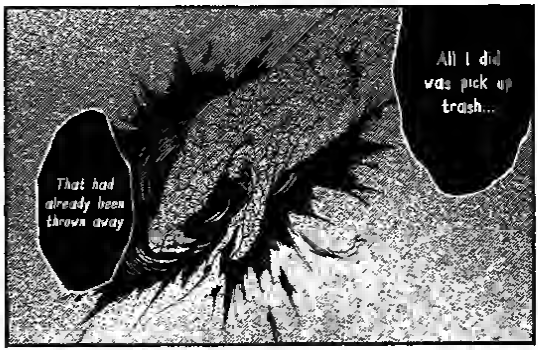
UM
WELL
NO
I GUESS ...

TSUYU-KUSA
HE CALLED OUT TO IT
AREN'T THEY
THAT SILVERY BLUE BODY
I'VE SEEN IT MANY TIMES THROUGH GINSHU-SAN'S EYES
FRIENDS ?
IS THAT YOU !?

*SFX JINGLE

THE YAKOU ...!!
JIN GLE
AH !
jingle


TO BYAKU-ROKU ...!!?
Ah
So that was this snake's name
But that was in the past
Why are you so angry?


All I did was pick up trash...
That had already been thrown away

WHAT ..

WHAT THE FUCK ARE YOU DOING HERE ...!!?
WHAT ... HAVE YOU DONE ..

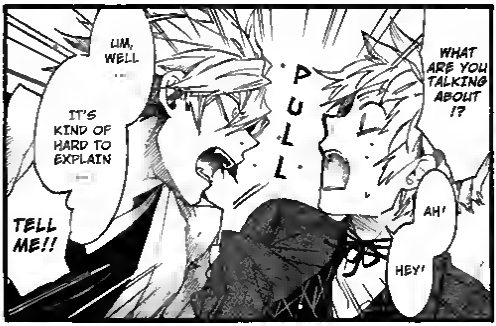
GRAB
ONE MUST MEET IT HEAD-ON
AFTER GINSHU-SAN...
!!
FOUGHT WITH TEITEN... YOU...!?

HEY!
YOU DON'T MEAN

PICK UP TRASH...?

*sfx whoosh

HUH?


UM, WELL...
IT'S KIND OF HARD TO EXPLAIN...
TELL ME!!
PULL
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?
AH!
HEY!

GRAB
WHAT!?
I DON'T GET IT!

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